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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](#) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission withdrew the September 2011 statement of charges against registered nurse **Michelle D. Morgan** (RN00154263).

Chelan County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Frances J. Pocan** (NA00189315). A patient gave her money to pay bills but she failed to pay them as requested, and didn't return the money.

Clallam County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Ashley N. McElwee** (NA60128610). She admitted to possession of several different narcotics for which she had no prescription, and a legend drug. In 2010, she entered into a plea

agreement to enter Drug Court for charges of six counts of possession of a controlled substance, one count of unlawful possession of a legend drug, and third degree theft.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Zeta M. Guerrero** (NC10073178), also known as Zeta M. Johnson. Guerrero diverted controlled substances and was convicted of third degree theft in 2011.

Douglas County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Maria E. Vasquez** (NA60168663) for borrowing money from a patient on multiple occasions. She also asked the patient to get a short-term, high-interest loan for her, and failed to make payments on the loan, resulting in financial harm to the patient.

Island County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Debra Metz** (NC10039263). She failed to either document controlled substance prescriptions for a patient or took controlled substances from the patient on more than one occasion.

King County

In February 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Richard E. Brewer** (CO60230831). Brewer failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In February 2012 the Medical Commission withdrew the June 2011 statement of charges against physician **Benson Chen** (MD00047239).

In February 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credential of health care assistant **Jannette A. Thoennes** (HC00154500) for fraudulently forging and obtaining narcotic prescriptions under a false name. She also diverted about 100 fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances from her previous employer. Thoennes must comply with an agreed order.

In January 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Jo D. Nelson** (LP00047976). Nelson pleaded guilty to a federal charge of tampering with consumer products. She admitted to injecting water into morphine bottles thereby diluting the remaining medication for patients. Nelson also diverted morphine for her own use and must comply with an agreed order.

Kitsap County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing

assistant **Ashley M. Rowland** (NA60102636). Rowland took cash from a co-worker without permission, and was charged with third degree theft.

Pierce County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Danielle N. Johnson** (NA60027999). Johnson failed to comply with a previous order.

In February 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program suspended the credential of **Terrance O. Jones** (CP60044697). Jones was twice convicted of fourth degree assault — domestic violence, and of possession of 40 grams or less of marijuana in 2010. He was also convicted of two counts of violation of a no-contact order — domestic violence, and one count of fourth degree assault — domestic violence in 2011.

In February 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Jessica C. Lowery** to permanently cease and desist practicing as a licensed practical nurse, unless she obtains the proper credential or meets an exemption. Lowery held a license (LP 00057241) until 2006, and continued to practice practical nursing for at least five years after her license expired. Lowery was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine.

Snohomish County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Alayna M. Charvet** (NA60110174). Charvet failed to comply with a previous agreed order to seek a substance abuse evaluation.

In February 2012 the Radiologic Technologist Program suspended the credential of radiologic technologist **Gregory D. Horenstein** (RT00001986). Horenstein dropped out of a substance abuse outpatient treatment program.

Spokane County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of registered and certified nursing assistant **Vivian E. Woods** (NA60075139, NC60081019). Woods was drug tested by her employer based on her apparent intoxication at work. She tested positive for alcohol.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of registered and certified nursing assistant **Kristofer A. Latta** (NA60216170, NC60218438). Latta failed to comply with a previous agreement to seek a substance abuse evaluation.

In February 2012 the Nursing Commission immediately suspended the credential of registered nurse **Annette M. Knoll** (RN00094378). Her license to practice nursing in Idaho was indefinitely suspended; she remains prohibited from practicing in that state.

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Megan M. Parenteau** (NA60202234). Parenteau failed to comply with a previous agreement to enroll and participate in a drug monitoring program.

Thurston County

In February 2012 the Board of Pharmacy suspended the credential of pharmacist **Paul S. McCarty** (PH00069734, PH60037977) for five years. McCarty administered a clozapine program without maintaining the necessary registry and blood work results, and diverted controlled substances by forging prescriptions and filling them under different patient names. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawfully obtaining a controlled substance, and first degree theft in 2011. He also injected a patient with vitamin B12 on 10 occasions without a collaborative practice agreement authorizing him to do so.

Whatcom County

In February 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Jacob E. Talamante** (NA60098163). Talamante continued to contact patients after his employment was terminated, entered into a business transaction with the patients and didn't follow through causing the patients financial harm. He also used patients' debit cards without permission.

Out of State

Missouri: In February 2012 the Chiropractic Commission entered into an agreed order to accept the voluntary license surrender of chiropractor **Marc A. Ferrin** (CH00033961). Ferrin was convicted of third degree theft, one count of attempted criminal liability of persons making false statements or concealing information, and eight counts of criminal liability of persons making false statements or concealing information. He falsely billed the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries for treatment he never provided to numerous patients.

Tennessee: In January 2012 the Nursing Commission permanently revoked the license of licensed practical nurse **David L. Kinnaman** (LP00053326). He reported to authorities that he had sexually assaulted two minor family members on different occasions, sexually assaulted up to fourteen other minor girls dating back to 1977 in several states, and he also reported that he was employed at a medically fragile child care clinic in Washington when he sexually assaulted three minor patients. Kinnaman isn't participating in any counseling or treatment programs.

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